PREVIOUSLY ON ROLAN
DRAWN WITH THE SAME BODY PROPORTIONS AS IN MANGA
YOU FILTHY OLD MAN LEON, LET'S SETTLE THE DEAL FROM 10 YEARS AGO!
BESIDES, YOU'RE WEARING CIVILIAN CLOTHES ON A BATTLEFIELD! WEAR SOME ARMOUR!
Textbf{clothing}
Dress
FWIP
YOU WERE SAYING
ROLAN-SAMA! SHION WILL KILL LEON
AND SHION'S ALSO INVOLVED? WHAT'S WITH THIS LOVE TRIANGLE!!
BY THE WAY, I'VE GOT THIS ONE THOUGHT OUT,
ROLAN, SHION, LEON
WE'RE THREE PEOPLE WITH VERY SIMILAR NAMES!
SHOULD WE HAVE SOME SORT OF FLAG?
ROLAN-SAMA
GASP
THIS JUST BECAME UNPLEASANT
DID YOU FORGET? I'M JOHAN
JOAN
YOU FORGOT ABOUT ME!!
mustache
I WANT MY TURN!!!
NOW 4 PEOPLE HAVE A COMMON FEATURE - IT'S DEFINITELY SOMETHING!
YOU'RE PEOPLE WITH 4 LETTER WORDS RIGHT?
TA-DAAH
HE HE HE
THIS IS MY RESURRECTION FLAG .....
WE DON'T WANT YOU!
AT MOST, YOU CAN STUFF THAT RESURRECTION STUFF IN YOUR FACE AND LEAVE.
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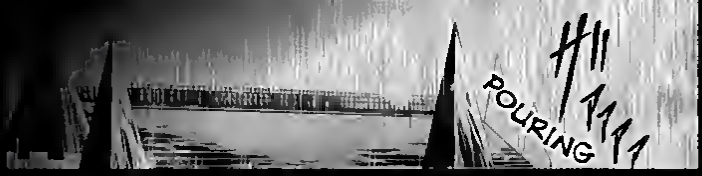
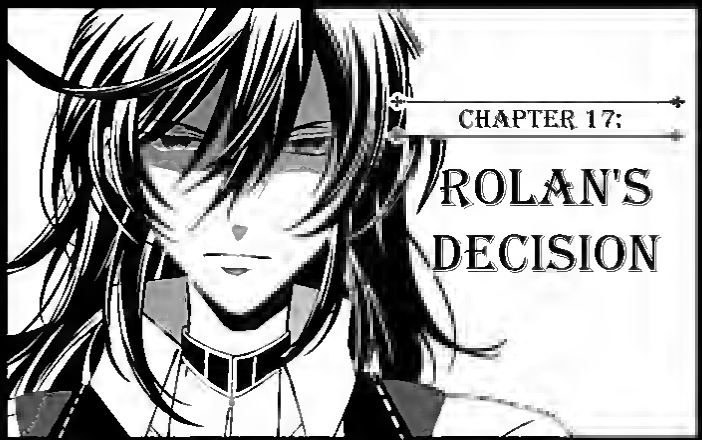




CHAPTER 17:
ROLAN'S DECISION

TO BE HONEST, MAJOR GENERAL JOHAN ASKED THE SAME THING BEFORE YOU
YOUR MAJESTY, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CANNOT STOP ME
YOU WHO BECAME LIEUTE-NANT GENERAL, DO YOU THINK THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU COULD DO?
AND IF NOT, FINALLY THE RESPONSIBILITY FALLS ON THE PERSON WHO ALLOWED HER TO ACCOMPANY YOU ON THESE TRAVELS, ON ME.
BUT WHATEVER YOU OR JOHAN SAY, THE CAUSE OF ETOILE'S DISAPPE-ARANCE IS HUMAN NEGLIGENCE
FORTU-NATELY, I MANAGED TO PERSUADE THE STUBBORN MAN
THAT HE BORE THE RESPON-SIBILITY AND WANTED TO GO SAVE ETOILE...

NO, YOU'RE WRONG.
WHAT-EVER ANYONE SAYS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE PRIN-CESS
IN THE END, IT WAS MY RESPO-NSIBILITY.
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY, THEN IT'S BECAUSE I DECIDED THAT A LONG TIME AGO.
—THIS IS HOPE-LESS THEN.

I BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD.
THOSE WHO, ONCE YOU EXPLAIN SOMETHING TO THEM THOROUGHLY WITH LOGIC AND EMOTION, WILL FOLLOW YOU.
AND THOSE TO WHOM ONE DECISION IS FINAL. NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY TELLS THEM, THEY WILL FOLLOW THE PATH THEY'VE ONCE CHOSEN.
THIS MAN'S SITUATION
IS OBVIOUSLY THE LATTER
SHOULD I WANT TO FORCE HIM HE WOULD JUST TAKE OFF HIS UNIFORM
I UNDERSTAND LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROJAN
IN FACT, BEFORE YOU WOKE UP WE RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE FROM A MILITARY OFFICER
CLENCH
MY NIECE IS DEAR TO ME.
...IF THERE WAS SOMEBODY WHO COULD BRING HER BACK, IT'S CERTAINLY YOU.
I GIVE UP
AND TO TELL THE TRUTH, I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED

ETOILE IS CERTAINLY IN THE UNION'S ARMS. SHE'S BEEN TAKEN AWAY TO NORANDIA.
ALSO... THIS NOTICE HAS COME ONLY RECENTLY.
IF WITHIN A FORTNIGHT WE DON'T ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS THEY'LL EXECUTE THE PRINCESS.

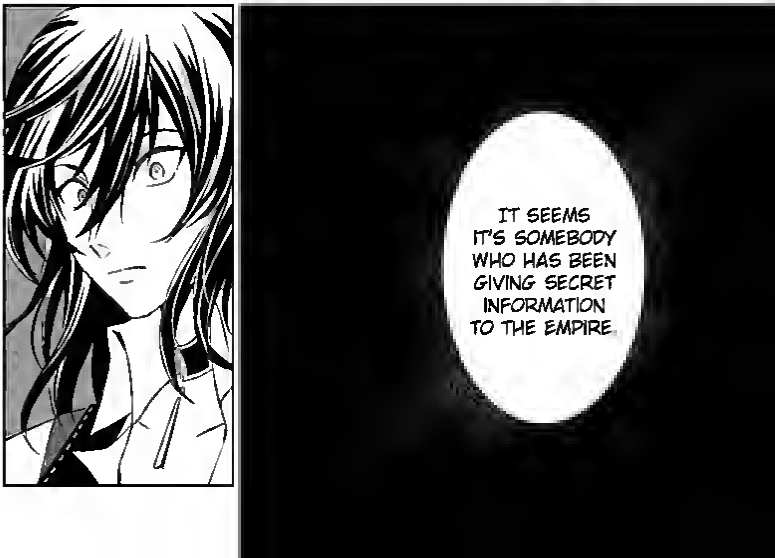
FIRST IS MY NECK.
THEN, DISASSEMBLY OF CLAUVEN ROYAL ASSETS AND TROOPS.
STANDING AS NO LESS THAN A KING, I DON'T VALUE MY LIFE BUT
EVEN FOR ME THESE DEMANDS ARE---

PFF!
HA HA HA!
---NO
PLEASE EXCUSE ME. I'M JUST SLIGHTLY RELIEVED.

WHICH MEANS THAT, BECAUSE THEY PUT FORTH SUCH DEMANDS, ETOILE MUST STILL BE ALIVE
AT LEAST THE TIME LIMIT IS GOOD.
...YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND
WHICH PART IS... WELL THAT PERSON IS AS WISE AS YOUR MAJESTY

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROLAN FLAMBERGE
LEAVE IT TO ME, YOUR MAJESTY.
I WILL DEFINITELY BRING BACK HER SELFISH HIGHNESS.
FROM NOW ON YOU WILL UNDERTAKE THE ROLE OF THE PRINCESS' RESCUER!

RUN
AH, NO! LIEUTENANT GENERAL!
MASTER ROLAN!
STEP
STEP
STEP
IT'S OK TO ADDRESS ME AS YOU DID
SOMETHING HAPPEN?
THERE IS A VISITOR AT THE CASTLE GATES.
BUT THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MATTER!
THAT'S ENOUGH.


IT SEEMS IT'S SOMEBODY WHO HAS BEEN GIVING SECRET INFORMATION TO THE EMPIRE

...
WHAT?

WHAT-EVER IT IS LET'S GO TALK INSIDE.
NO.
THAT I'VE COME THIS FAR IS ALREADY TOO CLOSE AND I'M BRAVING DANGER DOING SO.

STEP
ARE YOU MASTER ROLAN?
THAT'S RIGHT WHAT BUSINESS DO YOU HAVE WITH ME?

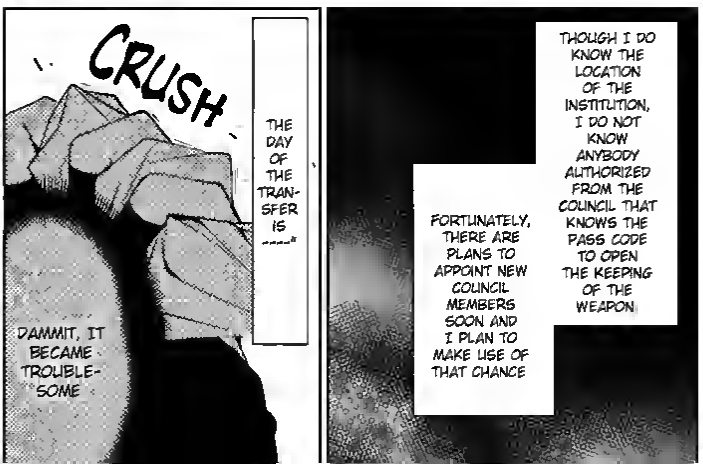
NEW INFORMATION HAS ARRIVED.
BUT THIS TIME SENDING A TELEGRAPH WOULD NOT HAVE SERVED ITS PURPOSE SO I CAME HERE ON FOOT
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HEARD ABOUT THIS BUT YOU MUST BE THE PERSON WHO BRINGS THE UNION'S SECRET INFORMATION ABOUT SHION AND THE NEW WEAPON'S CONDITION.
THAT'S CORRECT.
AND YOUR NAME?
PAMELA IS MY NAME.
AND YOUR POSITION IN THE UNION IS?
YOU'RE ONE OF UNION'S PEOPLE AREN'T YOU?
THAT HAIR IS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE NORTHERN PART OF THE CONTINENT, THUS YOU'RE FROM THE UNION TERRITORY WHERE THERE ARE A LOT OF REDHEADS
SLOW

WHERE HAVE I SEEN THIS BEFORE...
THAT'S RIGHT!
IT'S FROM WHEN AMENTI AND ETOILE FIRST MET. THE ATTENDANT WORE THIS KIND OF BADGE.
CERTAINLY HE WAS
A MEMBER OF THE UNION'S REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL! HIS NAME WAS DANTE.
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ONE TOO!?
...NO.

CLENCH
MY MOTHER... DOROTHE IS A MEMBER.
OR RATHER, TO BE MORE EXACT, "ONCE WAS".
THAT PERSON ...! AMENTI EXILED MY MOTHER !!
AND THEN TWO YEARS AGO, SHE DIED IN DESP-AIR.
I WILL DEFIN-ITELY NOT FORGIVE HIM!!
SO SHE'S A FORMER COUNCIL-MEMBER'S DAUGHTER
THE CURRENT REVOL-UTIONARY COUNCIL WAS REFORMED BY AMENTI 10 YEARS AGO
I'VE HEARD THAT UP UNTIL NOW, MEMBERS OF THE OLD THOUGHTS WERE STRIPPED OF POSITION
RUSTLE
MY MOTHER'S NOT HERE ANYMORE BUT

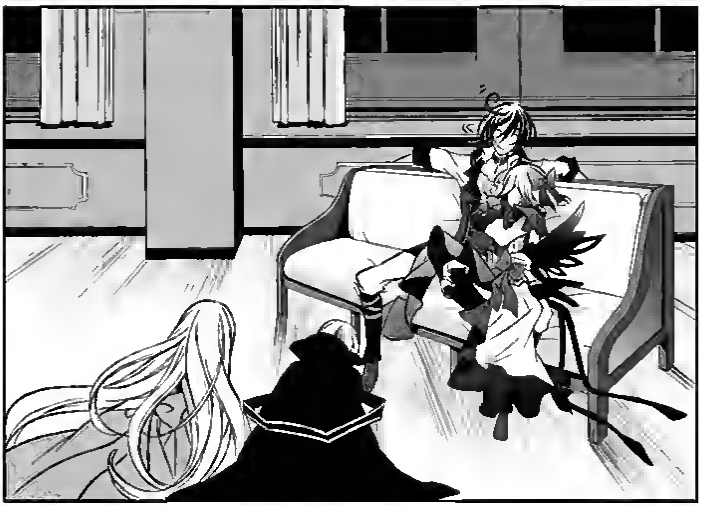
PLEASE, ALLOW THIS TO BE USEFUL.
WHILE THERE ARE STILL SO LITTLE OF US, WE DISTRIBUTE PROFITABLE INFORMATION
IN SECRET, WE CONSPIRE TOGETHER FORMER SUBORDINATES ARE NOW CLOSE TO CURRENT COUNCILORS
I'VE GIVEN INFORMATION TO YOU BEFORE BUT EVEN I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS.
BUT SOMEONE OF THE SAME BELIEFS AS I GAVE ME A MISSION WITH THIS.
AMENTI'S FALL AND
THE DISASS-EMBLY OF THE CURRENT AUTHO-RITIES.
THIS IS ALL I WISH FOR!

"THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL THAT AMENTI LEADS HAS FOUND A WEAPON OF ULTIMATE DESTRUCTION IN THE RUINS OF THE 1ST ERA BUILDING."
THIS IS--!
THIS WEAPON HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE SECRET INSTITUTION AND IS IN SAFE STORAGE.
IT HAS PRESUMABLY DESTRUCTIVE FORCE - IT COULD PROBABLY EVEN DESTROY THE ENTIRE IMPERIAL CAPITAL.


THOUGH I DO KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE INSTITUTION, I DO NOT KNOW ANYBODY AUTHORIZED FROM THE COUNCIL THAT KNOWS THE PASS CODE TO OPEN THE KEEPING OF THE WEAPON.
FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE PLANS TO APPOINT NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS SOON AND I PLAN TO MAKE USE OF THAT CHANCE
THE DAY OF THE TRANSFER IS ----"
CRUSH
DAMMIT, IT BECAME TROUBLESOME

IT'S THE DAY BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EXECUTION OF ETOILE!?
A DIFFERENT ACTION...
SHION IS...?
TO GO TO THE SECRET UNION BASE, SNATCH THE WEAPON AND DESTROY IT...?
THAT'S RIGHT.
IN THE MEANTIME, WE WILL GO SAVE ETOILLE.
...MY LORD, IN THIS CASE WOULD YOU CONSIDER SENDING SOMEBODY ELSE.

NO. FOR ONE SUCH AS MYSELF WHO HAS BECOME INCOMPETENT, THIS IS A VERY UNFITTING TASK.
AS FOR THE RIGHT HAND...



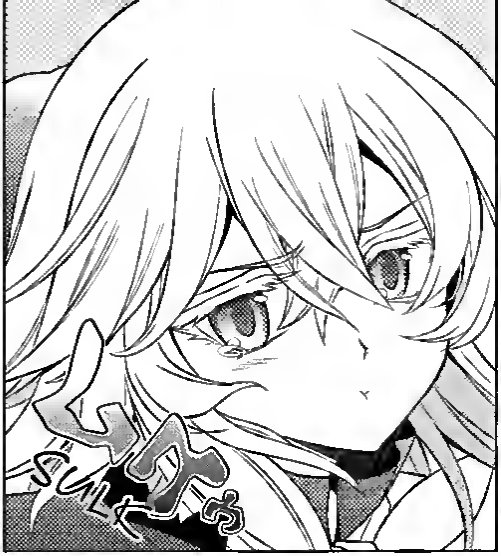
UPSET
YOU KNOW SHION,
WITHOUT THE ARMY, THERE IS NOBODY ELSE WHO CAN DO THIS FOR ME.
AND THIS TIME I'VE GOT AN IDEA.

I'VE TOLD YOU TWO BEFORE BUT I ONLY MET YOU A WHILE AGO.
I DON'T KNOW OUR MUTUAL DISPOSITION.
THAT'S WHY THIS TIME, WE'LL ACT TOGETHER SO THAT WE CAN GAIN EACH OTHER'S TRUST.
I THINK THIS IS A GREAT IDEA... MY LORD.
ISN'T IT? FIGHTING TOGETHER AS COMRADES IS, AFTER ALL, THE BEST WAY TO TIE BONDS.
STARE
HMPH
SIGH

THE REAL REASON IS THAT I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THESE SIBLINGS ARE AS LOYAL TO ME AS SHION IS.
WHAT'S WITH THIS ATMO-SPHERE...
IT'S NOT EVEN LOYALTY SO MUCH AS WHEN I ACCURATELY EXPLAIN MY INTENTIONS I NEED TO KNOW WHETHER THEY CAN COPE EVEN IF I CHANGE THEM.
I WANT TO ASCERTAIN MYSELF THAT THEY'RE CAPABLE PEOPLE.
YOU HAVE GIVEN ORDERS... SHION WILL COMPLY BUT

FLINCH
....!!
AFFEC-
TION!?
NOT YET
RECEIVED
MY LORDS...
AFFECTION.
SHION
HAS
THAT'S
RIGHT!
AND
HOW
ABOUT...
YUKI?
THAT
GIRL CAN
BECOME
TRANSPAR-
ENT.
SURELY
SHE WILL
LIVE UP
TO YOUR
EXPECTA-
TIONS.
... YUKI,
HUH?

I WANT TO GO WITH THE DEMON KING.
APPEAR
THEY'RE JUST EXCESSIVELY EGOCENTRIC!! WHERE'S THE LOYALTY! ALL I SEE IS JUST SELF-INTEREST!
OI, OI! ARE THESE GUYS REALLY LOYAL TO ME!?
NO.. WELL... LOOK...
I'LL DEMOTE YOU FROM THE APOSTLE FIVE!
I'M NOT THEIR HOME ROOM TEACHER!! THIS ISN'T JUST SOME CAREFREE TRIP ABROAD! HEY!
TWITCH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WHEN YOUR TASK IS FINISHED YOU CAN COME HERE
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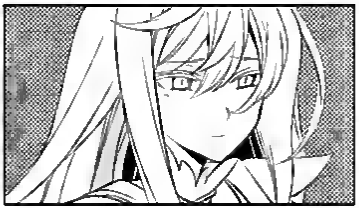
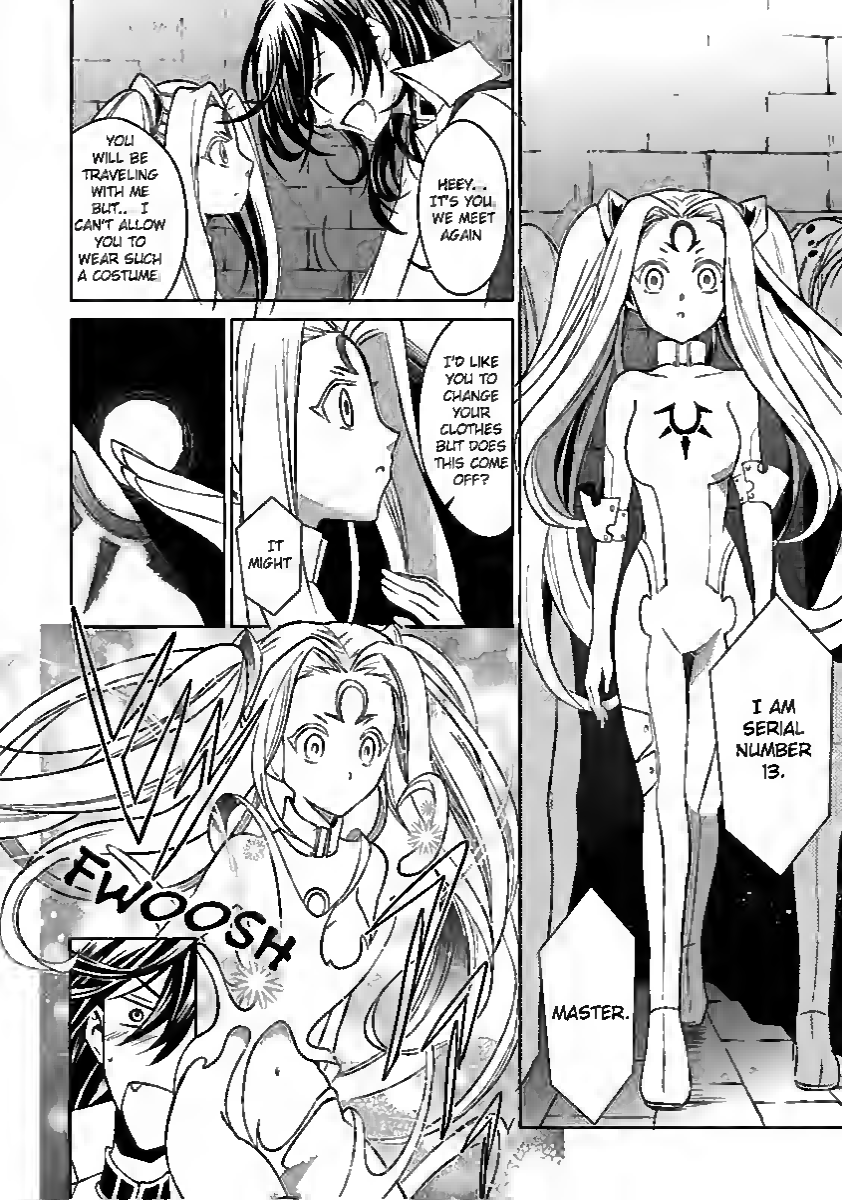
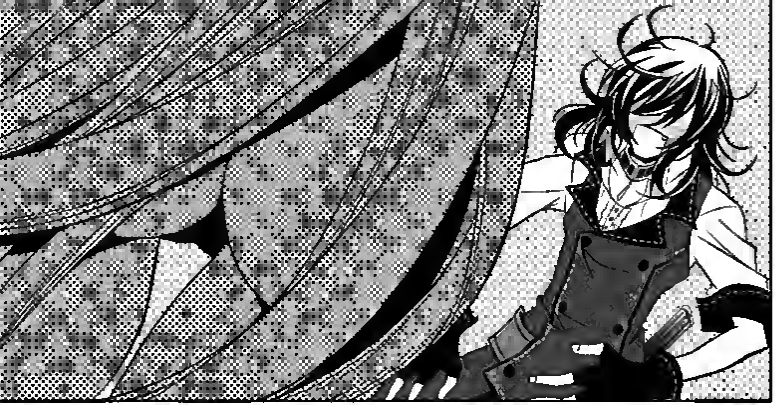
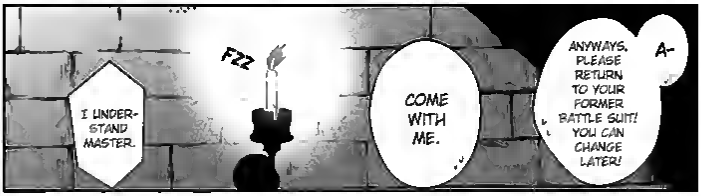



I AM SERIAL NUMBER 13.
MASTER.
HEEY... IT'S YOU. WE MEET AGAIN
YOU WILL BE TRAVELING WITH ME BUT... I CAN'T ALLOW YOU TO WEAR SUCH A COSTUME.
I'D LIKE YOU TO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES BUT DOES THIS COME OFF?
IT MIGHT
FWOOSH

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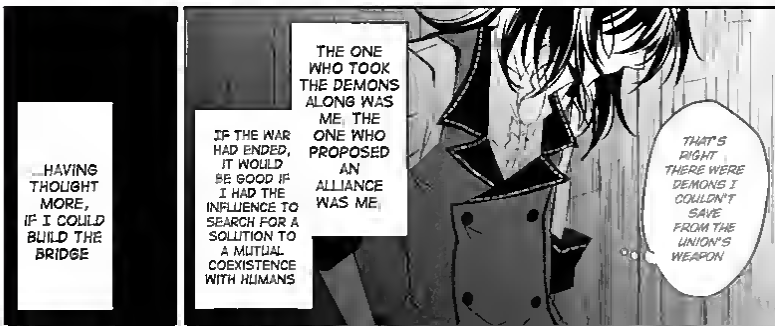
ANYWAYS, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR FORMER BATTLE SUIT! YOU CAN CHANGE LATER!
COME WITH ME.
FZZ
I UNDER-STAND MASTER.

UNTIL THE VERY END, YOU FOUGHT SPLENDIDLY ALONG THE DEMON SOLDIERS.
OUR GREAT LORD WILL WELCOME YOUR DEATH AS A GREAT HONOR.
MICH-ELLY.
YOUR DEATH WAS OUR PRIDE.

I'M SURE OUR LORD ALSO THINKS PROUDLY OF YOU.
... AND THOUGH YOU PASSED AWAY FIRST, LEAVE THE REST TO US.


THAT'S RIGHT THERE WERE DEMONS I COULDN'T SAVE FROM THE UNION'S WEAPON
THE ONE WHO TOOK THE DEMONS ALONG WAS ME, THE ONE WHO PROPOSED AN ALLIANCE WAS ME.
IF THE WAR HAD ENDED, IT WOULD BE GOOD IF I HAD THE INFLUENCE TO SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION TO A MUTUAL COEXISTENCE WITH HUMANS
...HAVING THOUGHT MORE, IF I COULD BUILD THE BRIDGE

FOR THEM, COEXISTENCE MIGHT BE SOMETHING THEY DON'T WISH FOR.
THUMP
THESE ARE, IN THE VERY END, MY OWN REASONS.
THIS MICHELLY PERSON WOULDN'T HAVE DIED BUT LIVE PEACEFULLY IN THE UNDER-WORLD
IF I DIDN'T DO THESE UNNECES-SARY THINGS.
I-I SEE
OI, THIS IS YOUR FAULT ROLAN.
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT
BA-THU MP

---I SWEAR THIS TO YOU MICHELLY.
YOUR DEATH, AND THE DEATH OF ALL THOSE OTHER COMRADES,
I WILL DEFINITELY NOT FORGET IT.
UP UNTIL NOW I FOUGHT FOR THE EMPIRE BUT
THIS TIME IT'S DIFFERENT.

I WILL FIGHT NOT ONLY FOR THE HUMANS, I WILL FIGHT FOR ALL THE DEMONS.
REME-MBER THIS MICH-ELLY.
THIS DEMON KING, ROLAN FLAM-BERGE
SWORE THIS JUST NOW.

THIS SMALL INCIDENT HAS SPREAD ROLAN'S AWARENESS AND OPENED HIS EYES.
AND TO THE SURPRISE OF EVERYONE, MICHELLY, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LOST HER LIFE QUIETLY, SMILED...

FLOP

LET'S GO!
OK!

YUKI'S ALSO HERE, RIGHT?
YOU COME ALONG TOO.
ROLAN-SAMA, I'VE HEARD A STORY FROM FURY.
YOU GAVE YOUR WORDS TO A FALLEN SISTER.
NO...
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
...FORGIVE MY REFLE-CTIONS BUT...
WE DEMONS ARE PROUD SOLDI-ERS.
THEREFORE, WE DON'T FOLLOW ANYBODY'S THOUGHTS OR LISTEN TO ANYBODY'S ORDERS.
LISTENING TO YOU ROLAN-SAMA IS SOMETHING WE WANT TO DO ON OUR OWN. NOBODY'S FORCED INTO DOING IT.
IF I DIDN'T WANT TO, I WOULDN'T STAND HERE RIGHT NOW.

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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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